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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

1. Mr. Walt Rostow has posed to us, in connection with Vietnam, what he describes as "two significant, but unanswerable, questions":

A) Is the present level of Communist effort in the South what they consider their optimum strategy or is it the best they can or are willing to mount in the face of the bombing?

B) What would they do if we stopped bombing?

2. Within the next few days would you please be good enough to have your analysts come up with the best answers they can give to these questions. Mr. Rostow would like to receive their views.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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